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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, OVIP, CH, US, UK

SUBJECT: BRITISH DEFENSE STAFF CHIEF TO VISIT PRC

1. UK EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT CHIEF OF THE BRITISH DEFENSE STAFF SIR EDWARD ASHMORE WILL VISIT CHINA IN EARLY AUGUST. VISIT ARRANGED AT ASHMORE'S INITIATIVE.

2. UK COUNSELOR SQUIRE, WHEN INFORMING US OF PLANNED VISIT, ASKED ON INSTRUCTION IF DEPARTMENT HAD ANY OBJECTION. WE SAID NO, NOTING THAT WE CONSIDERED IT MATTER BETWEEN UK AND PRC. SQUIRE COMMENTED THAT VISIT IS CONCEIVED AS USEFUL MEANS OF KEEPING UP MILITARY CONTACTS WITHOUT COMMITTING UK TO ANYTHING. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT VISIT "WAS NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF ARMS SALES."

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3. ABOVE INFO NOFORN EXCEPT UK.

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